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The Church and Field

Bro. Yoder has been sick during the past week.

A reading room has been established at the College.

Bro. Mallott is now in Virginia holding the fort with bro. Shaver.

Brother Mallott writes that he arrived all well in Virginia and is at work.

Harvest is now past and we expect a fresh supply of news from the field.

Bro. H. R. Holsinger left last Friday to continue his college work in Indiana.

Sister Holsinger left last Friday to make her home with her daughter in Berlin, Pa.

Read brother Mason's correspondence this week: he tells a good deal in a few words about several churches.

Our West Virginia brethren mean to do all they can to make their S. S. convention a success. They offer reduced railroad rates.

The out of-the season period is now over, and we should all become instant—go to work with renewed energies to sail the old gospel ship.

Brother Perry is getting along nicely at the college and ready to receive any of the Brethren's children, and all others who wish to receive good instructions in the educational line.

The S. S. Convention of Western Pennsylvania will be held at Masontown next week, and the dedication of the new Brethren Church will take place one week from next Sunday.

The man who helps himself, heaven helps more, is a nice saying and contains an important truth. If we do not make use of the good things that the Father places at our disposal no new supply of blessings will be sent.

Bro. J. W. Beer writes: I have just returned from the Chapparrel congregation, where I held several meetings and visited some of the members. He tells us that we need not be surprised if we hear of a small earthquake at the foothills of the Sierras; and adds that the waves may be felt all along the Pacific coast.

The prospects now indicate that Ashland College will sustain itself this year. We hope it will, and if it does, it will be something new in the history of the Institution. Brethren, remember that it is our school, and that the influences under which it exists are Christian and elevating, and that it is in every way worthy of your support.

LOGAN, OHIO, Aug. 24.—Bro. R. F. Mallott came in accordance with the notice I gave some time ago, and to our surprise Bro. J. C. Ewing came also. Bro. M. came with the Spirit and the word of God, and held it forth till Satan became alarmed and the waters were troubled. Seven enlisted with us, and five were baptized, and two reclaimed from other churches, who formerly belonged to the Dunkard church. We are sorry that he could not stay with us longer, but if the call is greater in Virginia than here we say God grant him speed. We will try to gather the golden grain.

We would say that brother J. C. Ewing is a help in the field. Singing and preaching ought to go hand in hand.

We all feel that there has been a great work done here, and I hope that those two workers feel that our sympathies are with them.

Bro. J. M. Rittgers filled the appointment for brother Mallott at North Liberty Saturday and Sunday. JOHN KISTLER.

TERRA ALTA, W. VA., Aug. 23.—All persons that expect to attend the Brethren Sunday School Convention, to be held at Terra Alta, W. Va., Oct. 7th and 8th, and that wish reduced rates on the B. & O. Rail Road, will please correspond with the undersigned immediaetly.

P. S. State at what point on the line you wish to start from.

S. W. WILT.

MONTANA, KANS., Aug. 24.—I have seen nothing in your columns from our little church for some time. We are only thirty in number but enjoy our semi-monthly meetings as only a church in this western country can. Bro. Hixson is very faithful in his duty of filling the appointments at our place of meeting as well as those in Neosho and Bourbon counties.

It was my pleasure a short time ago to accompany him and his daughter Lizzie to Neosho county, where he is wont to break the bread of life to eager, hungry souls.

Notwithstanding the slander from malicious tongues which was heaped upon brother Hixson he performed the rites manifesting a consecration to God's work for two precious ones, and awakened an interest in general.

God and truth will survive and the "gates of hell" shall not prevail against them. Yours in Christ, ANNIE S. ARNOLD.

DAYTON, OHIO, Aug. 29.—Wednesday, Aug. 12, was a high day for the children attending the Brethren Sabbath school at the corner of Jackson and Van Buren Streets.

The scholars met at the church at 8 a. m. From thence they were taken by conveyance to a beautiful grove on the Stillwater, about three miles north of this city. The exercises of the day were such that all Christian people could engage in for moral, intellectual and physical development. Joy seemed to flow from heart to heart; and when the time for departure came, all seemed to realize that it was good to be there. They had learned that the tiny blade of grass, as well as the majestic oak, alike declare the goodness and wisdom of God. Intuitively they reverenced the grandeur of nature and nature's God.

This, the first Brethren picnic in the great Miami valley, will long be remembered by all who shared in the labors, and participated in the enjoyments. But alas! we subsequently learned that less than 600,000 of the Bear Creek congregation had started to meet us in the land of Picnics, but only two reached that blissful spot. We were reminded of faithful Caleb and Joshua. But where were the others? We know they did not perish in the wilderness: for it was reported that they gave up in despair, and encamped in the thickets, less than a half mile south of us.

"When shall we meet again."

S. KIEHL.

NORTH STAR, O., Aug. 27.—The little church at this place still lives. We have had regular meeting every two weeks since our organization two months ago, with good attendance and reasonable interest.

Bro. Simon Mikesel, of Troy, O., commenced a series of meetings here on the 20th, which were well attended except on two very rainy evenings and were growing in interest, when he was unexpectedly called home and closed last night and left this morning. A good feeling exists between us and our German Baptist brethren here.

A. PEARSON.

DAYTON, O.—In my communication, "Decision," No. 33, you have the word "Mosaic accou nt of the resurrection." No such reference is found to the resurrection in the text referred to.

Referring to my manuscript you will find it reads, Mosaic account of man's creation." Please make the correction, and save me from any apparent mutilation of Scripture.

Man as he exists in this world is a tripartite being—spirit, soul and body—and St. Paul in his benediction prays, 2 Thess. 5:23, for the entire preservation and unimpeachable standing of all three at the coming (presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These debaters on "Souls not immortal" should study the the ology of Christ and become able to draw a proper line of distinction between soul and spirit, or get out of the great arena of debate.

E. S. MILLER.

From Maurertown, Va.

At the solicitation of Elder George Rinker, I met Bro. McFaden in Warren Co., this State, where we had an interesting meeting of several days and nights; immediate results were three baptized, and two applicants for baptism. We left this field of labor feeling that seed had been sown which we hope to see grow in spiritual life.

This was our first meeting with brother McFaden, and to be candid we had our fears and doubts as to his doctrinal ideas. Will he be too much Methodist and not enough Dunkard? But when we heard him take the Gospel truth and bring therefrom the true principles of our blessed Master, and the Word expounded to us in full force, our doubts were gone. We want to say to others who are still swinging in the air of the Conservative cradle of doubts, don't fear; our brother is thoroughly indoctrinated with the commandments of Christ.

Our fall campaign will open in my immediate field to morrow. We are looking for brethren Mallott and McFaden, and will pray for the increase from the Lord.

E. B. SHAVER.

Still They Come.

I visited brother A. L. Carmer and the Brethren at Auburn, Indiana, and preached four sermons there, and one sermon on the Union Camp Ground, at Auburn, Saturday the 22nd of last month. Other sermons were delivered in a school house one half mile East of Auburn. On Sunday evening we gave an invitation and two came forward and took their stand with us, from the Old German Baptist Church, and others are looking into the Brethren Church, saying that is the doctrine for me. Brethren, if any one travels through that section of the country, please stop at Auburn and visit brother Carmer, and if any of the ministering brethren go that way, please drop brother Carmer a card and he will be happy to meet you at any of the three stations, Wabash, Auburn Junction, and Auburn.

D. S. CRIPE.

Communion and Children's Meeting.

There will be a communion meeting at the Brethren Church, at Tiosa, Fulton county, Ind., Saturday, September the 19th. On Sunday morning the community will bring their baskets and provisions, and after Sabbath school there will be a children's meeting. Then we will eat dinner and after dinner preaching and sacred song. Prof. Jones and the Tiosa Class will furnish the music.

All are invited to attend.

J. W. FITZGERALD.

Ashland—Fairhaven—Homer.

On Tuesday, September 1st, we expect to return to our home at Farmersville.

During our stay among our old friends we have been cordially welcomed and kindly treated.

Many changes have taken place in the Ashland church during the last three years. So many of the old Ashland members have left. The faces that used to greet us at the Sunday morning services at the College Chapel are there no more. The Arnolds, the Packers, the Keims, the Pollocks, and Yeaters, the Roops, the Worsts, the Shoemakers, the Schmuckers, and many others, amounting in all to nearly fifty, have left a great gap in the ranks of the Ashland membership. Yet with all these discouragements, the Ashland church exists, and I have no doubt has a good future before her. The Sunday school, although many of the old cheerful faces were there no longer, and the absence of the students during vacation was also felt, yet it made a very respectable showing, and all present were full of enthusiasm. The prayer meeting and Bible class on Sunday evening were quite a treat. The principal feature of this meeting was a class of boys who met with Bro. A. L. Garber, a little before the opening time, to practice singing. These little boys showed an interest in the proceedings not often seen in boys of their age. This we hope is the small beginning of an important work. God bless the faithful in Ashland.

The College, too, has had its troubles. It has to go through the usual experiences of such institutions. The confidence that the Trustees placed in some men who professed to be brethren and friends of the cause, has been sadly abused, and of course it has been somewhat of a detriment to the school. It could not very well be otherwise. But I am glad to see that its staunch friends are only going at their duties with a stronger determination to conquer. The great object of the trustees is to make it self-supporting. And I believe that by cutting down the expenses and making new arrangements it will be accomplished. The future of Ashland College is in the hands of the brotherhood. If brother Holsinger succeeds in raising the money sufficient to pay off the indebtedness it is safe. If he does not succeed, then of course, it passes out of our hands.

The Fair Haven church is prospering. They have their weekly services, and the congregations that turn out speak loudly of the esteem and favor with which the people regard the ministers, brethren Brown and Kieter. The Sunday school is a credit to all who take an interest in its workings. All seem anxious to do what they can, and with such energetic brethren and sisters the church is sure to prosper.

We also visited the Homer congregation. About two years ago, I used to preach in this place. From what I had read and heard I was prepared for a surprise. But the half had not been told. In fact, it cannot be told, it must be seen and felt to be realized. There has been a change—a revolution in this place. The truth is, the Spirit of God has been at work, and we all know that where the Spirit of God is at work something is sure to happen. Well, it has happened. It is just as a brother told me, "The Main street and a good many of the by-ways have been cleared up." Everything is going on here under a full head of steam; and our zealous little brother Jacobs is as happy as the day is long.

Next Sunday we hope to be among our own congregation. We trust we may find brother Ewing and his singing class in successful operation.

On Sunday, September 6th there will be the usual services in the morning at Farmersville, and at Lexington in the afternoon.

On September 13th, we will have our services at Winchester in the afternoon, and at Farmersville in the evening.

On September 20th, we will commence our Sunday evening services at the neighborhood of West Manchester. We hope the Brethren there will make the necessary announcement.

In the notices concerning the *Home Pulpit*, the statement that the pamphlet would be sewed ready for use was forgotten.

EDWARD MASON.

Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, South, has a membership of 1,400.

The Christian convention held at Northfield, Mass., August 4—15, attracted a large number of well-known and eminent Christian workers from this and other countries. The meetings were led by Mr. D. L. Moody, who was at his best in managing the great gathering in all its details. Among the speakers beside Mr. Moody were Revs. A. J. Gordon, G. F. Pentecost, A. T. Pierson and J. H. Brookes. The singing was in charge of Messrs. Sankey, McGranahan and Towner. Fully 3,000 persons attended the opening exercises.